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SUBJECT:NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON NUCLEAR SUPPLY

1. IN SUNDAY NEW YORK TIMES OF JUNE 15, DAVID BURNHAM HAS
LONG ARTICLE ON "INTENSE DEBATE" WITHIN ADMINISTRATION ON
HOW TO BALANCE POTENTIAL SALE OF BILLIONS WORTH OF NUCLEAR
EQUIPMENT AGAINST DANGERS OF SPEEDING THE SPREAD OF ATOMIC
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WEAPONS. BURNHAM SAYS DISAGREEMENT IS OVER HOW MUCH

PRESSURE US CAN EXERT ON THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS AND WHETHER ADDITIONAL RESTRAINTS ON AMERICAN INDUSTRY ALONE WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF REACTOR SALES. BURNHAM SAYS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL INDICATIONS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS INITIATED "A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO WIN AGREEMENT OF THE MAJOR NATIONS NOW EXPORTING NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FOR TIGHTER INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS."

2. STORY CONCLUDES "IN ANOTHER INDICATION, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS UNDERSTOOD TO EXPECT ACTION ON WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "A SAFEGUARDS CONVENTION" WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. FINALLY, THREE OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO ASK NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S SAFEGUARD NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL NATIONS HAD RECENTLY BECOME "MULTINATIONAL," PRESUMABLY INVOLVING TALKS AMONG THE SMALL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PRODUCING NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FOR EXPORT."

3. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USE ON IF ASKED BASIS:

"THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD AND IS CONTINUING TO HAVE CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER NUCLEAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES CONCERNING MUTUAL EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE PEACEFUL BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WHILE CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. THESE EFFORTS ARE CONSONANT WITH THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN HIS SEPTEMBER 23 SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE NYT STORY."

4. POSTS SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND ABOVE GUIDANCE WITHOUT REFERRING QUESTIONS TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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